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Last call: Dubuque proposes getting rid of drink specials

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All You Can Drink" is a phrase that most college kids know well; it goes hand in hand with "Kegs and Eggs" and "Thirsty Thursdays." It's a part of college life, a tradition that seems to have been around since the beginning of time. College students go out bar-hopping for the night and hit up the drink specials, spending what little money they have in the most efficient way. For all you beer chugging students out there, this tradition could come to an end.

The Dubuque Substance Abuse Task Force and the City Police Department have proposed putting an end to "Buffet Style" drink specials. The proposed ordinance states: "Prohibited: Sell, offer to sell, dispense, or serve for the purpose of on-premises consump-

tion an unlimited number of servings of alcohol, liquor, wine or beer for a fixed price."

In basic terms this means there will be no more "All You Can Drink" specials. The city hopes to reduce the availability of and overindulgence in alcohol, especially on the part of minors.

Students don't have a lot of money, but they can responsibly drink on the same amount of money without having a special.

It is no surprise either that this proposal is being backed by all three colleges in Dubuque.

Kate Zanger, vice-president of Student Life at Clarke, believes that by changing the environment at the bars "students will be more responsible and the bars will be a more responsible environment."

Are college kids really going to be more responsible without the specials?

The majority of the students I polled did not feel that this proposal was a good idea.

Junior Leigh Ann Koopmann said, "If there are no drink specials the bars are going to lose a lot of patrons because of the high prices...there will be more on/off campus parties that will lead to even more underage drinking."

Zanger said, "Although this ordinance is a good idea, it probably won't change the way a single student behaves, but overall it should have a positive effect."

On the other hand, some students do feel that this proposal is a good idea. A letter of support for the city ordinance changes was generated by the office of Residence Life and over 100 students signed it. These letters were then mailed to City Council members.

"The letter brought more of an awareness to the students of how they can make a difference in their consumption of alcohol," said Patti Smith, director of Residence Life. "If they choose to drink then they can



Photo from Chicago Tribune's MetroMix

drink more responsibly. second reading, an open forum. Granted, students don't have a lot of money, but they can responsibly drink on the same amount of money without having a special."

The proposed ordinance already had its first reading at the City Council on Sept. 20. The second reading will be on Oct. 4. At the

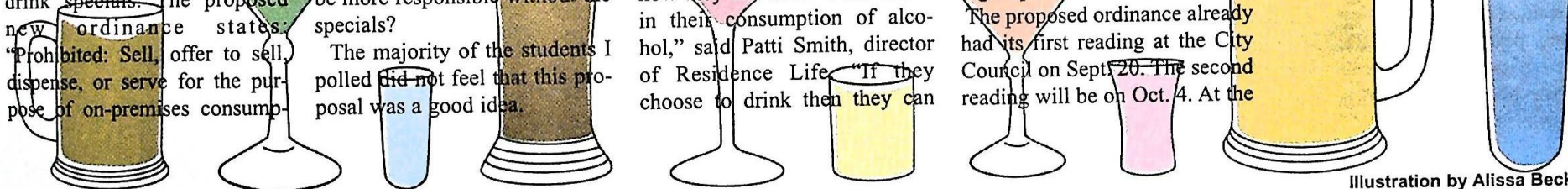


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'A New Hope' or more of the same? Kerry wanders from the path of light

Tony Frenzel
Opinion Editor

It is no mystery to the American people that every four years a veritable circus of campaign promotion shows up in every imaginable media outlet. What has been a lasting mystery is exactly how these huge budgeted campaigns are funded; who, why, and especially how much.



Campaign
finance
reform

presents many problems in that no one is really sure how much influence a big-spending group or individual should have on a candidate. Unfortunately, the previously mentioned people do exert a palpable force during election time, and this "force" walks the dark side under the guise of soft money.

The 527 menace

A 527 group gets its name from the section of the tax code that permits groups independent of political parties to raise and spend as much money as wanted for political ads not advocating any particular candidate. This is a circumvention of the recent soft money ban because the contributions aren't given directly to a candidate. This, of

course, leaves the door open for ads that indirectly support one candidate by attacking the other. Now my story gets better, so stick with me.

One particular 527 has reared an ugly head in this election: "Swift Boat Veterans for Truth." In its ad, the group makes the assertion through the testimonials of 13 Vietnam veterans that John Kerry lied about the medals he received there. Alas, these truth-advocates have failed to produce any conclusive proof that any of them were in a situation whereby they could make such a claim.

What effect has this mudslinging generated? It has only served to create a complete non-issue in the already muddy waters of presidential issues.

In the 1996 election, nearly 21.3 million voters failed to exercise their right to choose. The reason given by the majority of these people is a complete lack of interest in the proceedings.

A large part of this apathetic group is made up of potential young voters. So does it behoove these groups to create confusion over an issue that means very little to a large segment of the population that is already uninterested? The answer can only be an overwhelming 'no!'

Dark and light are relative

President Bush (Darth Vader if we are continuing the "Star Wars" theme) has already stepped up to challenge the failure to regulate soft money. He has called for both liberals and conserva-

tives to work toward a more honest form of campaign contributions. Kerry's failure to answer this challenge is, in itself, telling. Add the fact that the Democrats have benefited far more from soft money than the Republicans in this election and suddenly Kerry is sounding more and more like a certain black-helmeted despot. He has trumpeted the fact that he was a victim of false claims coming from a 527 group, yet refuses to take a stand against this menace.

Although I find it hard to stomach much of the Bush Administration's policy, I can't help but agree that this issue needs to be handled in a bipartisan way. Both sides of the political spectrum should take a good look at what effect campaign finance reform like the McCain-Feingold Act has had on the process. It is important that free political speech be protected, but where should the line be drawn? With communication technology like the Internet, the answer becomes a little clearer.

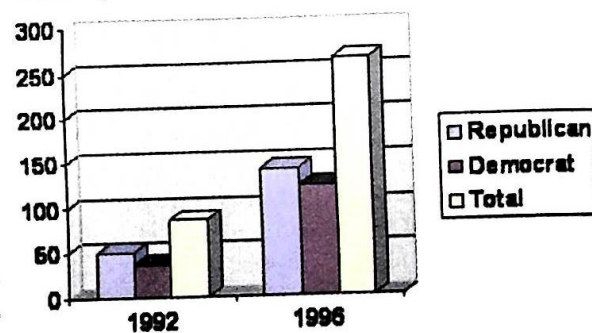
I can hardly put it better than Senator George Allen (R VA), who said, "The only way to honor the First Amendment's protections of political speech is to let everyone contribute whatever he wants but require immediate disclosure on the Internet. The alternative, as we see today, is to let independent groups refight the Vietnam War, diverting attention and accountability from the candidates and their programs. The major losers in this latest round of unfriendly 527 fire are the voters, many of whom are too young to fully appreciate Vietnam and must wonder what any of this has to do with them." The Force is strong with this one.

McCain-Feingold Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2001

- Named after co-sponsors John McCain (R-AZ) and Russel Feingold (D-WI)
- Banned soft money contributions to national parties
- Increased limits on individual hard money contributions
- Restricted ability of corporations, non-profit organizations, and labor unions from running "electioneering" ads featuring the name or likeness of a candidate

(Coincidentally, the firm that produced John McCain's 2000 presidential campaign ads (Stevens, Reed, Curcio, and Potham) also produced the "Swift Boat Veterans for Truth" ads.)

Soft Money Contributions for 1992 and 1996 (in millions of dollars)



Hard money - regulated campaign contributions given directly to a candidate or political party

Soft money - unregulated campaign contributions given to political party to cover costs of voter registration, issue ads, office overhead costs, and supplies; recently banned

527 groups - a way to circumvent soft money ban through "independent" groups that do not support a specific candidate; named after section in the Tax Code that allows their existence

From College to Candidates

The Yale Days of George and John

Jenny Domine
Staff Writer

As Clarke students watch tension grow in these months leading up to the November elections, we are bombarded with the images and speeches of President George W. Bush and Senator John Kerry.

It is hard to believe that at one time both of these powerful men were college students like us. They had to deal with professors, final exams, girlfriends, school clubs and parties like any college student today. By digging into the past it is possible to see how college experiences have shaped our current leaders.

John Kerry, a shy and uncertain freshman, arrived at Yale University in 1962. At that time rumblings against the Vietnam War had just begun, no girls were allowed to attend Yale and cafeteria dinners were a jacket and tie affair.

Our president arrived at Yale two years later in 1964. In that short time anti-war activities were at full fury, dinner was casual and female students would be registering for classes the following fall.

Some Clarke students belong to families of Clarke alumni that have a history connected to this campus.

Likewise young George W. had a family history at Yale, starting with his grandfather, Prescott Bush. The president majored in history and joined the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity. He loved baseball, but never made the starting line-up. He played many other sports like rugby as intramurals. In an Associated Press article Jim Latimer, a fellow class and teammate, described George as, "congenial, gregarious, relatively unremarkable in a sense. He was entirely pleasant."

Kerry was also very athletic. He lettered in soccer, but also played hockey and lacrosse. However, Kerry's silly running form won him the nickname, "The Camel." Kerry bloomed out of his shyness to become president of the Yale Political Union and treasurer of the Yale Young Democrats. He majored in political science and won speech contests all over the United States.

Despite the grooming both young men received for political success and Kerry's pipe dream to one day be president, neither candidate thought seriously about political careers while in school. The Yale Republican Party was in a decline and Bush was more interested in his fraternity and sports than politics. Likewise, Kerry

was quoted by the Associated Press as saying, "I was also caught up in the times and inspired by a lot of things happening which really made me want to get involved in public service, but I never thought of myself as on some kind of career track."

It is clear that as young men Bush and Kerry socialized in different circles even though they were in school together from 1964-1966. The only activity that linked these young men was their admission into the infamous secret society Skull and Bones. This 127-year-old club has admitted many young men that later rose to power and even presidential status, including William Howard Taft and George H.W. Bush.

It is interesting to peer into the past in order to gain insights on our political candidates. Even though Clarke may not have a lacrosse team and we do not wear dinner jackets to the cafeteria, college students from any decade understand the thrill of competition, deep commitment to their clubs and midnight cram sessions. Who knows? Maybe that kid you sit next to in sociology 102 could end up being the future president of the United States.

The newest trend in voting chic

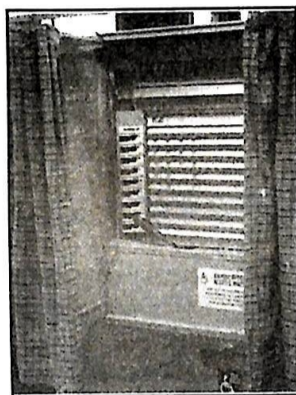
Check out how you can ✓ vote absentee

Tony Frenzel
Opinion Editor

Absentee ballots have become one of the most popular ways for people to vote. It is expected that this presidential election will have a record number of absentee ballots cast. Unfortunately, this has created well-founded worry over voting fraud as well as the death of Election Day as we know it. Ignoring these issues, lets just get down to the facts as they stand for tri-state area voters.

Iowa procedure

- Do not need a stated reason to apply for an absentee ballot
- You may ask for a ballot by mail/email or in person
- Must apply to your county auditor (Example: Dubuque County Auditor Denise Dolan, 589-5499)
- The request must be at least 40 days before the election
- Can request a ballot up to 10 weeks before the election
- Can download a ballot application, receive instructions, and find a convenient directory of county auditors at www.sos.state.ia.us/elections/voterreg/voterguide/files/absentee.html



Differences between Wisconsin/Illinois procedure and Iowa

- Instructions and ballot application for Illinois available online at www.elections.state.il.us/electioninfo/pages/downloads/pdf/absevote.pdf
- Major difference for Illinois residents is that you must have a stated reason as to why you will be absent from the county on Election Day
- Must apply for ballot with county clerk
- Illinois' website is, unfortunately, not as informative as other states' sites
- Instructions and ballot applications for Wisconsin available online at <http://elections.state.wi.us/sebpage33.html>
- Must apply for ballot with the municipal clerk's office
- Can find out how to register for voting here
- Provides a listing of municipal clerk's offices for the entire state

Online applications done the easy way

One of the most convenient and easy-to-use websites for absentee balloting is called "JustVote." The application process is painless, quick and easy to understand. The site even gives you the mailing address you will need based on your home state and county. If you are not registered to vote yet, don't worry, as the site provides information on how to register by mail as well. The only thing you will need to have on hand is a copy of a valid photo ID and, possibly, a utility bill or bank statement.

The Process

1. Go to the url: www.justvote.org and go to the "Vote-by-Mail" link
2. Choose the state or zip code that you are registering under (permanent address)
3. Fill out a simple questionnaire giving information like name, age, gender, home address, etc.
4. Next, download an application in PDF format that has already been partially filled out based on your answers to the questionnaire
5. Print and fill out the rest of the application
6. Send the completed form to the proper address, which can be obtained either through the "JustVote" website, other web directories, or by inquiring in your home town

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editors,

I want to thank Nate Monson for publicizing the fact that Clarke now has a Republican group on campus...finally. We have received numerous positive responses from faculty and students from both parties.

In Mr. Monson's letter, he said "An organization has decided to 'appear' just before the polls open..." Our Republican group started this past August and the polls do not open until 7 a.m. on Nov. 2. Also it's hard to organize when there are people who want to stop our group from forming. What's so wrong with having a second voice on campus? Despite Mr. Monson's attitude, we believe in the free flow and exchange of ideas.

Another part of Mr. Monson's letter stated that he was afraid of what we stood for. Monson's letter implied that by being a Republican we

were hateful, sexist, racist and homophobic. The letter was highly emotional; we are not emotional hate-filled exclusionists who believe our way is the only way.

However, even though Monson couldn't tell you what Republicans stand for, I can. Republicans take a conservative view on issues. They also believe that the government should have less intervention and lower taxes. Republicans promote optimism, opportunity and freedom above fear and name-calling.

We should all focus on the real issues, such as what the candidates stand for. We should not let hate, anger and rage fog our thinking. Don't listen to the hype. Come check us out and see what we really stand for.

Sincerely,
Adrienne Weispfenning
President of the Clarke College Republicans

Dear Editors,

Nate Monson recently resigned as president of the Clarke College Democrats and took a position as our campaign/event coordinator. He felt it was necessary to take a position with less time involvement due to his schedule being CSA president. He has many other endeavors and is incredibly involved both on and off campus.

Brian Stith and I are taking over the College Democrats position as co-presidents. Brian and I wish Nate the best of luck with his new position and his increased efforts helping all students at Clarke.

As co-president of our Democrat group here on campus, I feel the need to support Nate's letter that appeared in the last edition of the "Courier." Prior to the preparations for the upcoming election, I found politics to be of little concern. My perspective on the matter dramatically changed the day I realized I was compromising my integrity each time I chose to ignore the deplorable actions our country was taking in an effort to seize control and "Build a Safer World."

As co-presidents of Clarke College Democrats, Brian and I wholeheartedly support Nate's request for representatives of our campus College Republicans to agree to abide by the high standards of conduct that are expected on our campus. Countless times these rules have not been upheld by members of the previously mentioned group on campuses across our country.

If anyone doubts the information we make reference to, I am including a small list of credible sources where we found our information. You may make note that FOX News is not included in this list.

Sincerely,
Teena Williams
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Letter from the Editors

We want to thank everyone for their interest in the Letter to the Editor section and we look forward to future responses.

Letters to the Editor are an outlet for people to express their own views, however, they are not the views of the "Courier" staff or the student body. We believe in freedom of speech, but we reserve the right to edit letters for content and clarity. All letters published are checked for accuracy.

That said, we encourage you to continue showing an interest and feel free to send your letters to Amanda.Martin@Clarke.edu and Alissa.Beck@Clarke.edu.
—Amanda and Alissa



Learning in a new dimension

Virtual reality access bringing Clarke into the next millennium

Omar Sinno
Staff Writer

2D learning is getting old. Why study DNA chains on flat paper when you can look at them in 3D and use your hands to interact with them? This type of technology is being put together at Clarke. There will soon be a virtual reality lab known as "Isidore" named after a saint who represents patronage, especially for students.

Thanks to a \$29,000 grant from the Dubuque Racing Association, Clarke's computer science department will receive six computers and gadgets that any tech-hungry person would dream of.

In general, this includes three specialized flat-panel monitors: one of them outputs 3D visuals without the need of specialized glasses; the other two use the glasses; and tools that allow you to interact with the 3D environment such as gloves, the "head tracker" and the "CyberStik."

The lab is not complete yet. "We have the software for virtual reality animation

in the area of medical science, biology and chemistry," said George Towfic, professor of computer science.

At the moment, the department is able to translate any photo to 3D.

One future goal will utilize the "VirtualTrack, Head Tracker and CyberStik that will be available for instructors and students to be able to move/rotate 3D objects to test different views or positions of their simulated objects," said Dennis Petesch, a senior double majoring in computer science and mathematics.

Petesch said another goal is "to render animations and movies into a special 3D format."

To get into the excitement of using the lab, professors and students gather around. "We will provide a 3D animation demo for the biology, chemistry, communications, art, PT, nursing and mathematics departments," said Towfic.

The lab will also house two servers for web page development and testing experimental software. One of the

servers will be dedicated for classroom use by professors.

People will have the chance to view the lab in room 310 of Catherine Byrne Hall around the end of October.

There will be an open house for Clarke and high school students since this lab is the first public access VR lab in the

Dubuque area.

For those of you who are excited about virtual reality, Towfic will be teaching a course in 3D animation in spring 2005 that uses the Isidore lab. The lab will also be available for Clarke's new Bioinformatics major, which will be offered beginning in Fall 2005.



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Get out while you still can.....

Students describe their favorite outdoor spot in Dubuque

Monica Loan
Staff Writer

As October rolls around and the cool weather starts to settle in, students tend to retreat to their dorms or apartments to hibernate.

But not so fast, not before checking out the great outdoors of Dubuque.

Dubuque is located in one of the most scenic parts of Iowa so there's plenty out there to see and do, whether it's hiking, walking, biking or just enjoying the scenery.

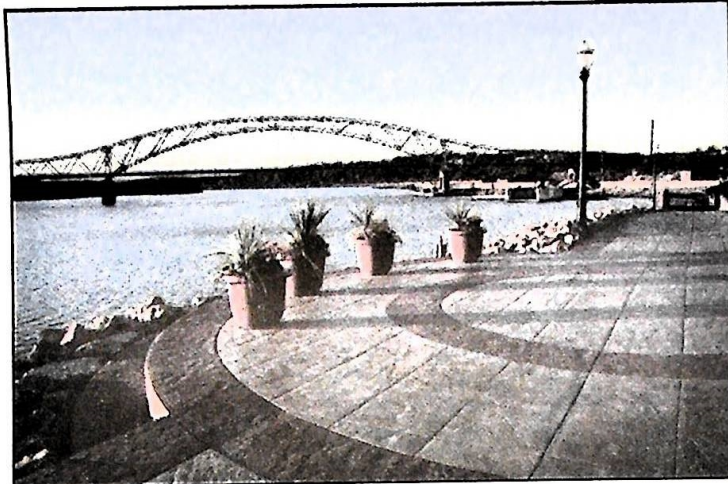
For those into long distance biking and running, the Dubuque County Heritage Trail offers a 25-mile paved trail. It starts a few miles north of Dubuque, and weaves through the countryside before ending in Dyersville. There is a small fee to use the trail, but if you are tired of the endless hills of Dubuque, this flat terrain may be your salvation.

If you are more into hiking, history and observing nature, take a drive to the Mines of Spain

Recreation Area off Highway 151. The park offers 10 trails ranging from one-fourth to three

shoes and bring water.

Clarke senior Kristin Gilles enjoys the trails at Mines of



The Dubuque Riverwalk provides a great atmosphere for a walk on a nice day.
Photo by Holly Boche

and a half miles.

The trails take you to scenic overlooks of the Mississippi River and Dubuque and through forests, prairies, wetlands and bluffs. Some of these trails can be steep and challenging so make sure you wear comfortable

Spain, especially the views they offer. "It's a good place to get away from everything and get some fresh air," she said.

Clarke sophomore Christina Stierman says if you get a big group to go, a team from the park will take you rock climb-

ing. And if you have access to a canoe, there is a stream for canoeing.

If you want to ditch the campus food and have a cook out, there are also grills for public use.

And while you're there, why not stop at the Julien Dubuque monument and learn about the history of Dubuque?

Head further south and check out Swiss Valley Park. For you avid fishermen, Catfish Creek is stocked with trout each year by the DNR.

The park also offers 10 miles of hiking trails, along with camping and picnicking areas. You might also get to see some wildlife while you're there, including snakes. But don't worry, they're not poisonous.

With the Mississippi River right in our backyard, why not visit the Port of Dubuque? The Riverwalk trail takes you along the Mississippi and to other attractions, such as the Mississippi River Museum and the Alliant Amphitheater, where

you can watch an outdoor performance.

Stierman has also been to the new Riverwalk and said it is nice, but too short. She said the best time to go is when there is a low tide because you can walk down on the rocks right by the river.

All of these new attractions are part of a redevelopment project called America's River. Take a walk along the Mississippi and see the new things going on in Dubuque.

But if you just want to relax, Eagle Point Park on a bluff overlooking dam number 11 on the river is the place. If you're lucky, you may even get to see a barge coming down the river. Or bring along your tennis rackets for a game on the courts.

The view from the top of the bluff is amazing and I definitely recommend checking it out if you're not scared of heights.

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Are we there yet?

Transfer students come to Clarke in record numbers

Mishereen Ellis
Staff Writer

This fall Clarke set a record with the most students enrolled in a semester in its history. Among those students there are 109 transfer students new to Clarke College this year.

"A lot of transfers come because they've had some kind of experience at one college that makes them desire to go somewhere new or they're athletes and they're looking for the opportunity to have more time to play sports or they're just looking for a program that their college doesn't offer," said Sharon Lyons, transfer coordinator.

The number of enrolling and transfer students at different universities all over the country has risen, so it's no surprise that Clarke is among them. "We have a great transfer scholarship program here as well as lots of personal attention, so it's really easy for transfers to come here," said Lyons.

The students are all coming from different places and different backgrounds, but they all seem to find a common ground

by seeking out Clarke College as their place to study.

Sophomore Manuel Quinonez transferred from Adinec University, a private university in Puerto Rico. He came to Clarke because he wants to play golf here, but mainly for a change of environment. Quinonez says he's enjoying Clarke thus far. "It's somewhat of a culture shock, but the

people have been very nice," said Quinonez. "It was a very scary experience at first, but now it's very easy to adjust."

He plans to stay at Clarke for two years then leave because his major is pre-engineering which Clarke does not offer.

Francisco Alvarado transferred from Pikeville Kentucky College. "They cut off the budget for scholarships," said Alvarado. He came to Clarke to major in kinesiology and to play baseball.

Alvarado feels he's adjusting very well to the Clarke environ-

ment and says he really likes the atmosphere.

One might wonder why a student from Los Angeles might seek out a place like Dubuque, Iowa to attend school, but for Eulices Sierra, a junior from Pasadena, California, the decision was quite painless.

Sierra was looking for a change of environment from the busy atmosphere of California because he felt the need for a change in scenery.

Coming to Dubuque has been a very big change. "It's very laid back here at Clarke, whereas in California it was more of a faster pace," said Sierra. He is a communication major who is also playing baseball for Clarke.

He came a week late and feels he's doing a great job catching up. "The teachers are very devoted to their students," said Sierra. He is very focused and feels he'll do well here at Clarke, because he says he's

here to just "study and play ball."

Entering a new school and experiencing new people and things can be a very scary process, which is the case for sophomore Tommy Davis, a transfer student from NICC.

He has a degree in human services and is seeking a degree in either psychology or counseling. Davis, who has been to the campus many of times before and has a mom who is a Clarke graduate, said it was a very scary experience at first. He felt uncomfortable because it was his first time away from home and he didn't know anyone here.

"It's now very easy to adjust," said Davis, and he wonders why he was ever afraid in the first place. His classes are going very well and he's enjoying his philosophy class the most.

"Sometimes you can feel like you can't do it at all, but there's a lot of kind peo-

ple here that are willing to help," said Davis. "But if you just calm down and believe in yourself, you'll find that you can pull off a lot of things on your own."



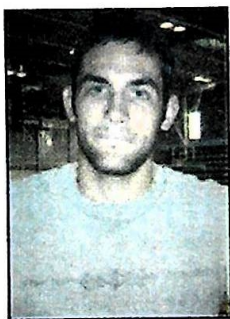
Transfer student Tommy Davis had an easy time adjusting at Clarke.

photo by Jenni Christopher

On The Street

'What was the most incredible thing you did this summer?'

Carrie Fleckenstein
Staff Writer



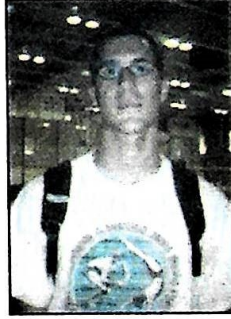
"I chased deer!"

-Scott Ciukowski
Sophomore,
Kinesiology



"I took 14 kids to Wisconsin Dells and kept them all summer."

-Laura Benson
Senior,
Religion & Comm.



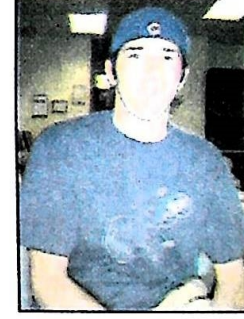
"I went to the Indy 500."

-Jeff Simundic
Senior,
Athletic Training



"I turned 21 and went to a Kenny Chesney concert."

-Mary Beth Meisinger
Senior,
Psychology



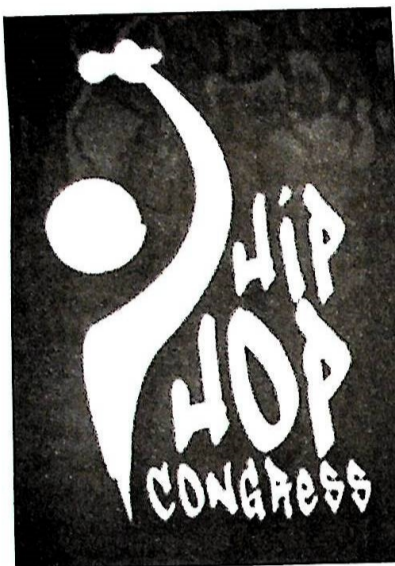
"I went to Minneapolis to see Eric Clapton in concert."

-Shey Simonson
Junior,
Business

Photos: Carrie Fleckenstein

REVIEW

Hip-Hop and you don't stop

Hiraman Byrd
Staff Writer

Clarkies, I just want to let you know that I am exhausted from a long weekend at the Hip Hop Congress held at Loras last weekend. It was everything I thought it was going to be with food, dancing, live performances, poetry and more.

For those who do not know about the Hip Hop Congress, let me tell you about it. It was started in 1993 to organize hip hop culture and pool resources and ideas from various programs based on uplifting the greater hip hop community.

Since its inception, the Hip Hop Congress has expanded around the world linking good music, citizens and connections across the globe.

The Hip Hop Senate has made its way to the Midwest for the first time this year, and I had the opportunity to meet people from Ohio, St Louis, Indiana, Missouri, Michigan, Minnesota and

Texas.

Davey D, historian, journalist and sponsor of the Hip Hop Senate, said, "A summit is a time to allow everyone to organize action, celebrate hip hop culture, and bring together a diverse group that makes up this youth driven, youth based and inspiring community of individuals."

Saturday was full of fun workshops including ones on breakdancing, poetry, information on AIDS (basically to tell youth to practice abstinence), and the importance of voting in elections so you can let your voice or opinion be heard.

There were also sessions on how you can make money off graffiti and how to DJ, where participants learned how to scratch and mix.

Another fun workshop was on the globalization of hip hop in which I learned how hip

hop started out in New York in the 1970s, and as of 2004 is one of the most recognized accomplishments of African Americans today. They also covered how the globalization of hip hop and its lyrics has created a lot of stereotypes of blacks, including topics such as children born out of wedlock, liquor abuse, misbehaving youths, and so on.

Later that night there was a Hip Hop party including performances from rap groups from Chicago and New York, a freestyle battle, break dancing, prizes, T-shirts and surprise guests; well-known vocalist Chinua Hawk and The Last Poets (a group of poets).



DJ Priority spins the vinyl at the Hip Hop Congress.

Photos from Google.com

The events concluded Sunday with a conference on real break dancing, a message on voting, prizes, and a drawing for future Hip Hop Senates.

Terry Morgan, an organizer, explained the Hip Hop Senate. "This event is about incorporating dance, poetry, spoken word, meeting people from other colleges and if you truly love the elements of hip hop music or are just looking for a good time then this is the place to be," he said.

This was the first Hip Hop Senate to come to the Midwest and if you weren't there, you don't know what you missed.

Irish Fest brings out the green in everyone

Amanda Martin
Editor

A swarm of green filled the Dubuque Sports Complex Sunday, Sept. 19 for the fifth annual Little Dublin's Irish Fest.

Celtic bands entertained the lively crowd from noon until midnight. There were plenty of other activities to keep one entertained as well, including rugby, tug-of-war and Claddagh dancing. The Irish essentials, corned beef and

I thought it was awesome how they could bring an Irish celebration to Dubuque, especially in September. I loved trying to Irish dance with my friends.

Guinness, were included on the menu.

Gaelic Storm, a regular to Dubuque, headlined the festival, playing from 10 p.m. to 11:30. This was the group's last show in a nine-week tour. "We've been saving ourselves for you, Dubuque!" lead singer Patrick Murphy said, encouraging the crowd to come to the front and dance.

Gaelic Storm, who appeared in the film "Titanic" as the party band in the steerage scene, has become quite well

known, especially in Dubuque. They perform here several times a year.

Gaelic Storm released its fifth CD, "How Are We Getting Home," on Aug. 3. It debuted at No. 3 on the World Music Charts, the highest debut for the group since its formation in 1996.

The group got the whole crowd on its

feet with its upbeat tempo and unique instruments, including the bagpipes and the digeridoo.

"I thought it was awesome how they could bring an Irish celebration to Dubuque, especially in September," said junior Michelle Lang. "I loved trying to Irish dance with my friends!"



Celtic band Gaelic Storm has become a Dubuque favorite over the past few years.

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Don't miss out on Clarke's Down Evening of Gaelic Culture. The music department will host a Multicultural Music Concert on Tuesday, Oct. 5 at 7:30 p.m. in Jansen Music Hall.

The Concert will highlight a variety of music from Ireland, Scotland and Wales, with performances by the Clarke Collegiate Singers, the Clarke Wind Ensemble and the Clarke Cantabile Singers. The performance will also feature young, accomplished Irish Claddagh dancers. During intermission, concert-goers can sample various types of Gaelic food.

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Cigar Box Purse

There are so many choices out there when it comes to buying a purse or bag. You can choose a purse by color, size, shape, designer, material or price. So save yourself all that trouble and make your own; you're guaranteed to have a true original because you are the designer.

Now that you've decided to make your own purse, there are many options to consider: It can be lined, reversible, have a long strap, no straps, handles, a snap closure, no closure, decorations on the outside, etc., etc.

In this issue, I'm going to show how to make a cigar box purse in about 30 minutes for under \$10 (it may take longer depending on the paint job), but there are so many other options out there! So take your time and make your bag fit your needs and style. And check out the next issue, when I'll teach you how to make a cloth purse! Good luck!

In a nearby aisle there were plain boxes made of a cardboard in an assortment of shapes. I love stars, so I chose the star-shaped box. I chose to create a purse based on the cigar box style, but did not use a cigar box, so it would be unique to me. I then went back to the cigar box aisle and picked out a plain handle and some latches.

When I got home, I painted the box with acrylic paints (1).

Once that was dry, I marked the box with a pencil to indicate where the handle would go in.

I got an exact-o knife and punched decent sized small holes in the box (2). I then inserted the handle into the holes.

I then twisted the end back on to the handle and made sure that it was secure (3).

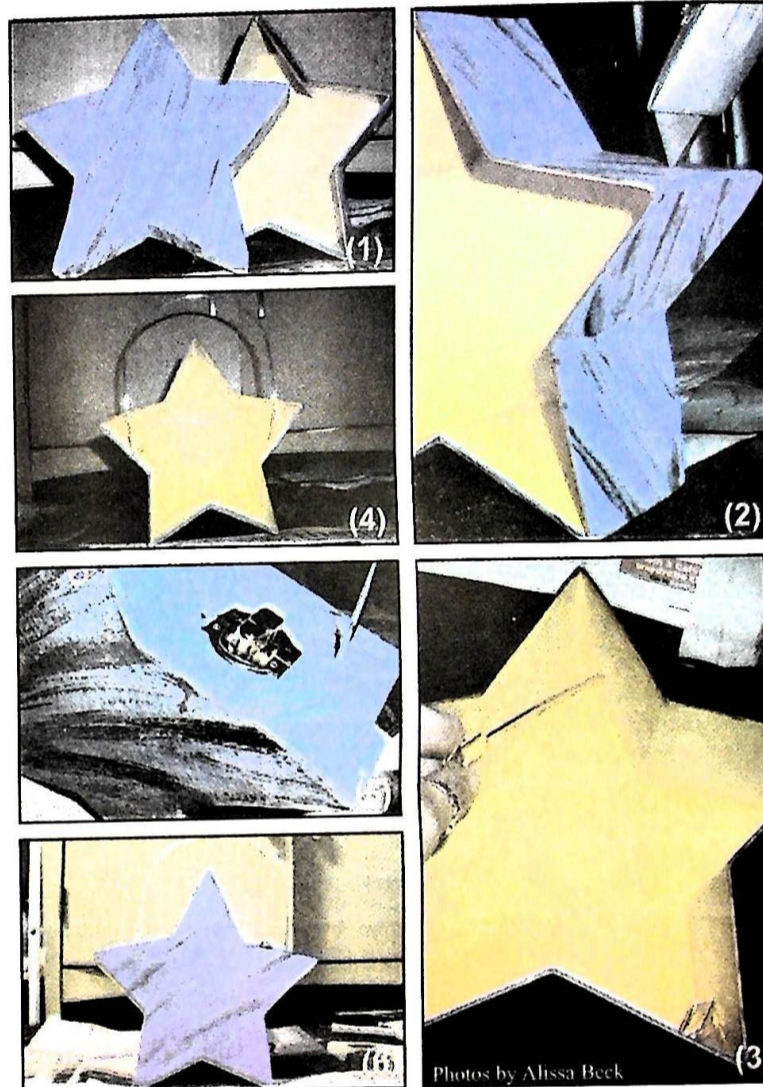
Then, I secured the lid to the bottom with latches (found in the same section as cigar box supplies) (4).

And there's my final product (5)!

Supplies:

*Cigar Box
or Shaped Box
*Accessories: Paint,
stickers, glitter, etc.

*Latches
*Exact-o knife
*Handle



Photos by Alissa Beck

Directions:

Right now there is a big trend of cigar box purses.

I visited the craft store Michael's and found a lot of evidence of this. There was a section set up with plain cigar boxes that were already set up with latches and handles. All they needed was a creative paint job.

In this section, they also had plain cigar boxes without handles so you can chose a pre-made handle or make your own.

Supplies:

White vinegar is great for many things: to get rid of the itch caused by mosquito bites or to clean sink faucets.

When using it on sink faucets: Pour some of the vinegar onto a soft cloth and wipe down the sink. Then buff the sink with a paper towel.

Ben, Jo and Fran

Jenny Domine
Staff Writer

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Music

Meghan Hackett
A&E Editor

Photo from the Killers' Web site

The next time you decide to go East for a night of dancing make sure you bring along a copy of "Hot Fuss" by the Killers. This debut cd by four Las Vegas boys is sure to inspire even the dancing impaired to take the floor and let loose.

With an album titled "Hot Fuss," the Killers immediately arouse interest while referring to a New Order video by the same name. Perhaps it was this homage to one of the most influential and innovative bands of the '80s that the Killers hoped would add their name to the same list of all-time favorite bands. However, their reference to New Order's music video is the closest association between the two bands. Musically, the link between the two is about as close

as their respective locations, Las Vegas and Manchester, England.

Although the Killers have a Vegas glitz to their sound, there is something reminiscent of British '80s bands. Their post-punk, '80s dance/garage sound demonstrates their inspiration from such leading bands of this era as Duran Duran and the Cure. Even lead singer/songwriter Brandon Flowers' vocal style is synonymous with that of Julian Casablancas, frontman for recent "it" band the Strokes.

Flowers' not-quite-British vocal quality adds mystery to the songs, making one wonder what's really going on behind all the lyrics involving cheating, rock star pandemonium or ex-girlfriends. It is evident that Flowers has no problem living up to lead singer status; however, he doesn't let his vocals overpower the brilliant synthesizer and guitar layering of his bandmates that truly make these songs rock.

The opening song "Jenny Was a Friend of Mine" sets the stage with rocking guitar progressions and a pounding drum sequence that truly lifts you off your chair and on to your feet. The synthesizer lines blended in with Flowers' vocals and Mark Stoermer's bass lines are a perfect complement to each other. Flowers' vocals in "Mr. Brightside" have almost a spoken quality using vocal layering and fast instrumentation to make this song the definition of dance music. The sentence-fragment type lyrics meshed with the quick drum lines makes the almost four minute song feel like a fast spinning merry-go-round, a total blur with dizzying effects.

The true guilty pleasure of this CD is "Somebody Told Me." The swirling instrumentation and catchy chorus lyrics discussing sexual confusion will leave you wanting to loop the track over and over: "Well somebody told me / You had a boyfriend / Who looked like a girlfriend / That I had in February of last year / It's not confidential / I've got potential / Ready? Let's roll onto something new."

All in all, the first 20 minutes of the CD is time well spent. Anything after track five tends to drag the album down, with the exception of "Andy, You're a Star," which makes use of a gospel choir to break up the monotony.

While much of the album's concept has been heard before, the few sparks of ingenuity at the beginning of the album will probably be mistaken as a song by one of the plethora of other "the" bands: the Strokes, the White Stripes or the Stills. The potential of this band is immense. For a first album, it's worth a listen, and if you're looking for some great dancing music this one's a keeper!

Movies

Tim Brechlin
Copy Editor

Every year, it seems as though film studios use September and October as a dumping ground for films they didn't know what to do with otherwise. This season is no exception, with "The Forgotten" being yet another entry in a list of utterly forgettable fall "thrillers."

The usually reliable Julianne Moore plays Telly Paretta, a woman mourning her 8-year-old son 14 months after his death in a plane crash. Telly is consumed by her grief, but begins to panic when strange things begin happening. As all her mementos of her son, photographs, videotapes, and so on, begin to disappear, her psychiatrist reveals that Telly had a miscarriage 14 months ago, and her memories of a son are merely a result of her trauma. Her husband and neighbor who lost a daughter in the same crash back up the doctor's story. Refusing to believe this bombshell, Telly begins to suspect that there is bad voodoo afoot.

At this point, the movie's premise is believable, perhaps even interesting. It presents an interesting study into a mother's love and the very fine line between sanity and psychosis. However, after the initial setup, the movie jumps its tracks with all the ferocity of a runaway bullet train and it never looks back.

Screenwriter Gerald Di Pego's script begins to take increasingly ridiculous plot twists. When the National Security Agency begins chasing Telly and the car chases and frenzied pursuits by government agents begin to pile up, you might wonder if you're actually watching some long-lost episode of "The X-Files."

Perhaps the only aspect of "The Forgotten" that makes it even remotely tolerable is the generally strong acting throughout. Moore carries the film, playing her character's angst believably and doing her best to make the audience actually care about her. Gary

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Sinise is his usual entertaining self in the role of Telly's psychiatrist, and the rest of the cast is filled out well.

But the strong casting can't overcome the fact that the filmmakers have wasted a very interesting premise by piling on ludicrous plot twists, clichés and clumsy dialogue. By the time the film's silly climax rolls around, and the stereotypically ominous evil lords of the plot have been revealed, don't be surprised if you're struck by the urge to throw popcorn, candy and various other objects at the screen.

If you've seen the trailer for this movie, you've already seen the movie. While watching "The Forgotten" doesn't hurt quite as much as banging your head against a wall a few dozen times, there's no reason you should have to pay for the pain.

CURVEBALLS

Tim Brechlin
Copy Editor

Baseball is fast approaching the playoffs and the World Series. Football has kicked into high gear. The NBA season will soon be upon us. NHL season would soon be upon us (unfortunately, the sport is run by a bunch of fools and the season will likely be cancelled by a lockout). With so much going on, it's easy for events to get lost in the shuffle. But fear not, my dear readers, as I have come to provide you with the cunning wit and utter stupidity that only I can give.

For the Cubs fans among us, the Fuzzy Cubbies are, at press time, sitting even with San Francisco in the wild card standings. By the time this paper is in your hands, they could be anywhere between two games up or drowning helplessly somewhere in Lake Michigan.

The Cubs recently went on the road for two weeks, played 12 games in four cities, and lost only four times. Unfortunately, the road trip ended with two maddeningly frustrating losses to the impotent Mets, including LaTroy Hawkins deciding it would be a good idea to cough up a game-tying three-run home run to a player who had hit only one dinger the entire season. Sammy Sosa has continued his downward spiral into mediocrity, leaving us to wonder when the Grim Reaper will quit following him around and just put the formerly Slammin' Sammy out of his misery.

CBS recently premiered a new show called "Clubhouse," centering around a 16-year-old batboy for the fictional New York Empires (if that's not a jab at the Yankees, I don't know what is). The first show involved one of the players on the team giving his car keys to the batboy and telling him to take his car to a mechanic. The batboy runs a red light and gets busted when police find steroids in the car. I was talking with someone who was flabbergasted at this

storyline, saying that such a thing was "ridiculous" and could never happen in real life. Well, believe it or not, it actually did happen back in 2000 (the culprit was Boston infielder Manny Alexander).

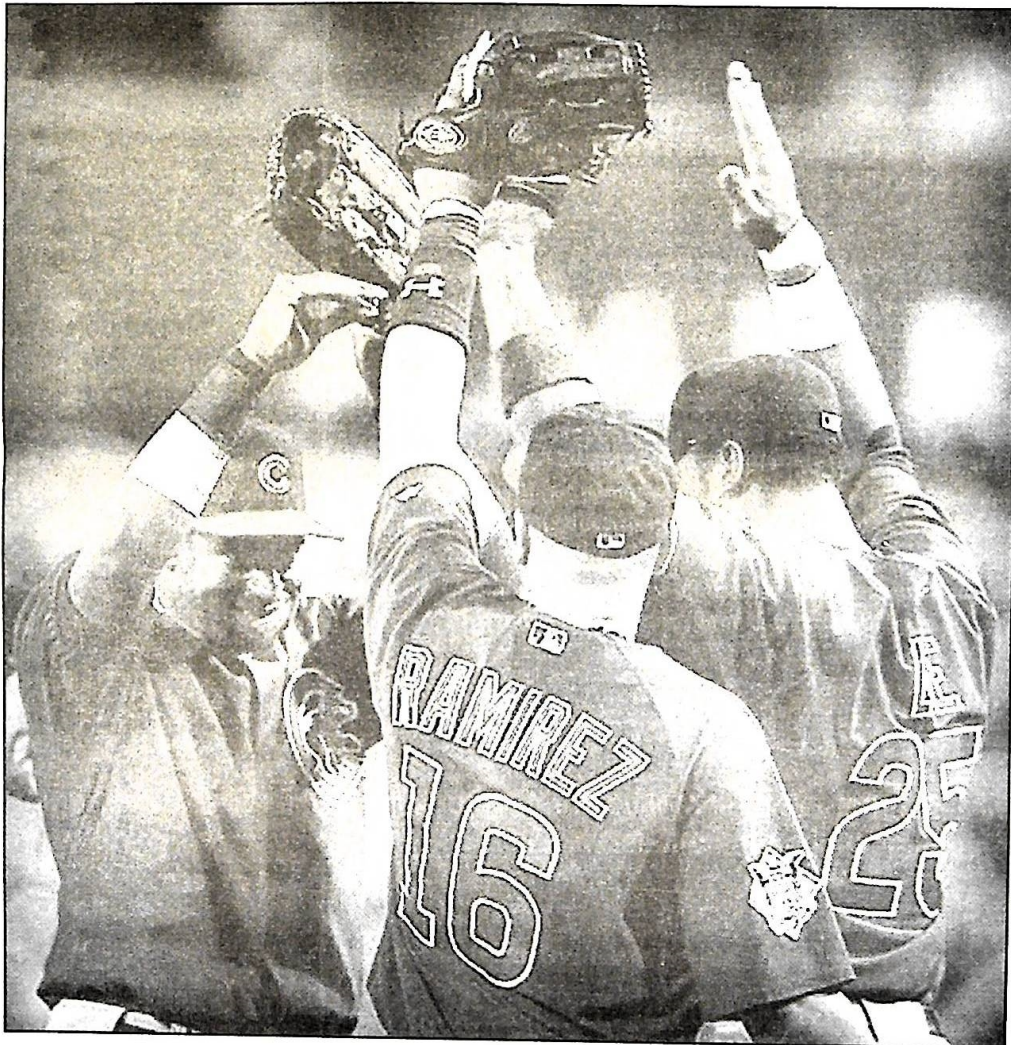
The second episode reportedly involves the batboy climbing through heating ducts and stealing bats from an office after his favorite player is suspected of using corked bats. Albert Belle, anybody?

Are you ready for some football? Despite the Green Bay Packers being 1-2 after allowing Peyton Manning to utterly embarrass their entire defense (Hey, look, I think he just threw another touchdown), I'm still pumped up for the season. Bad news for Chicago Bears fans, though, as

against the Bears two weeks ago, I was talking with a Bears fan who told me that he didn't care if his team went 2-14 as long as they beat the Packers twice. Well, let's just say I'm looking forward to the rematch a little bit more now.

And finally, allow me to say that if there is a sound known to man that is more annoying than listening to John Madden's nonsensical babble on "Monday Night Football" ... well, I don't want to know about it.

Thank you, you've been wonderful. In the words of Bob Barker, please have your pets spayed and neutered.



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quarterback Rex Grossman is out for the year with a knee injury. Before the Packers decided to fall over and die

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Boston	94 62
Baltimore	74 81
Tampa Bay	66 88
Toronto	65 90

Central Division W L

x-Minnesota	90 66
Chicago	79 77
Cleveland	77 80
Detroit	69 86
Kansas City	57 99

Western Division W L

Oakland	89 67
Anaheim	88 68
Texas	86 70
Seattle	60 96

National League

Eastern Division W L

x-Atlanta	92 64
Philadelphia	81 75
Florida	80 76
New York	69 87
Montreal	65 92

Central Division W L

x-St. Louis	103 53
Chicago	88 68
Houston	87 70
Cincinnati	72 84
Pittsburgh	70 86
Milwaukee	64 91

Western Division W L

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Sports Update

- The eighth annual Clarke College Oktoberfest Men's Golf Tournament will be held on Sunday and Monday, Oct. 3-4, at The Meadows Golf Course.
- Clarke College freshman Mirelis Rivera, of Bayamon, Puerto Rico, has been named the Northern Illinois - Iowa Conference (NIIC) Women's Tennis Player of the Week for the period ending Sept. 26.
- Senior Drew Larson shot a 73-73-146 to claim runner up medalist honors at the Lake Michigan Conference Qualifier, Sept. 19-20 at Washington County Golf Course in Milwaukee.

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Men's and women's golf in full swing

Chris Kleitsch
Sports Writer

This year the men's golf team will be returning four guys for the 2004 season: senior Drew Larson, junior Tim Lansing, and sophomores Pete Hamel and Andy Peckham. New to the squad will be freshmen Mike Lawler hailing from Eldora, Iowa and Mickey Bacha from Chicago.

"The team is working hard this fall on improving its games for the spring (conference) season," Larson points out.

At the team's most recent meet, the St. Ambrose Invitational, Larson shot a 74 to take top honors on the team. Hamel and Lawler both shot an 85 with Lansing shooting an 88.

"The team has improved by realizing what they need to do to get better, and we are all working hard on the practice range and the putting green, as well as playing throughout the week," said Larson. "We need to work on maintaining a positive attitude while trying to improve. As coach would say, 'You either get better or you get worse, you never stay the same.'"

Larson said he is looking forward to Clarke's Oktoberfest Invitational Tournament. "I predict the Oktoberfest will allow us to end our season on a high note. The team has been playing at the Meadows as much as we can, and we will be ready for this tournament."

Lady Crusaders

The Lady Crusaders golf squad is returning three upperclassmen this year: seniors Elizabeth Noonan and Jennifer Thein and sophomore Lacey McCabe. Two freshmen, Ashley Zaehring and Bailey Meyer have joined the squad.

At the Knox Invitational on Sept. 11, Lacey McCabe took low honors for the team with a 95. Meyer shot a

nice 107 and Zaehring shot a 124.

"This year's team has been the best four golfers I have had collectively in my three years as coach," Coach Casey Kohr said. "We have improved each meet this fall with two remaining."

Just recently the women's team accomplished a feat that no other team has achieved in Clarke history.

"We broke the school record in our last meet at the Loras Invite on Sept. 19," Kohr said. "Elizabeth, Ashley and Bailey all shot their career best scores in collegiate competition that day. McCabe shot a team low of 90 to set the pace."

Kohr said his team is looking to end the fall strong and start back up again in the spring.



Junior Tim Lansing takes a swing at the green while helping out the Crusader men's golf team at a recent meet.

Photo by Jenni Christopher

Cross country has high hopes for conference meet

Ryan Dillon
Sports Writer

Women's cross country is trying to avenge last year's disappointment at the conference meet. Last year the Lady Crusaders, who were favored to win, came up short by coming in second. This loss left a bitter taste in their mouths. By hosting the conference this year they have a huge advantage and are once again favored to win.

"The women's team is a stronger team as a whole this year, and the men's team is working hard but striving for numbers," said Tammy Kallback, both men's and women's cross country head coach. This is Kallback's first year as head coach of the men's and women's cross country teams, but she is not a stranger to the programs as she served as the assistant coach for the past three years.

The Lady Crusaders are off to a strong start this year with a good performance at the Augustana Invitational at Rock Island, Ill. The women's team looks strong and seems ready to make a big impression at the conference meet. There are only five other teams in the conference, but it is still extremely competitive. Every runner is striving to get better as

the big meet approaches by achieving personal records, and with three meets until conference, they have time to improve.

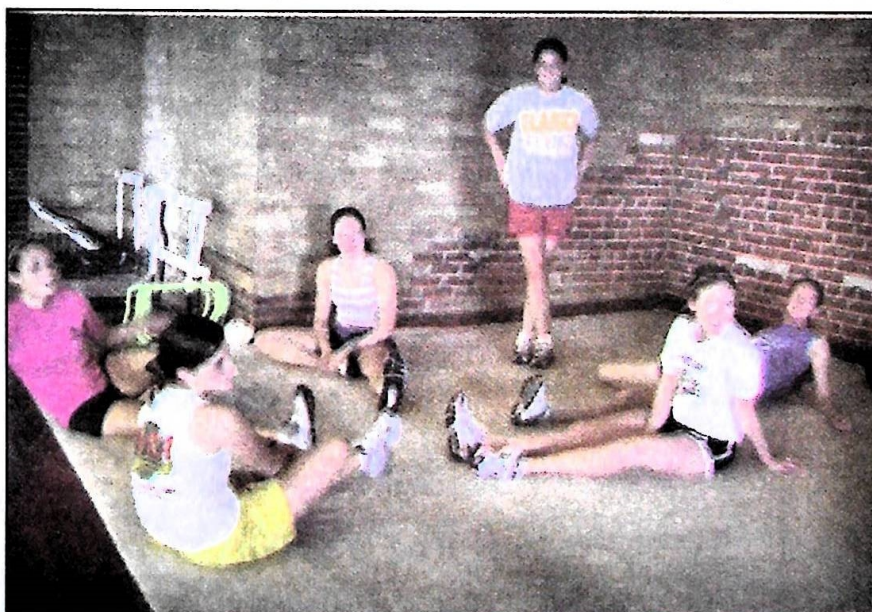
"I would say that we are physically pre-

pared, but we are still working on the mental aspect," said Morgan Ehlers, a sophomore on the cross country team, on the upcoming conference meet.

The men's cross country team, however,

is currently struggling to develop a team as it only has three runners including new freshman Jordan Meyer, returning junior

The women's team is a stronger team as a whole this year, and the men's team is working hard but striving for numbers.



The Clarke women's cross country team takes a break after a rigorous practice.

Photo by Holly Boche

Noah Diehm, and its returning MVP, junior Richie Miehle. The guys are having a hard time with the low numbers, but are still working hard and have high hopes.

If you are interested in running contact Kallback by email at tammy.kallback@clarke.edu or stop by her office in the Kehl Center. If you are not interested in joining the team, you can still support the men's and women's teams by attending the conference meet at the Dubuque soccer complex on Oct. 30. The women will run at 10:30 a.m. and the men at 11:15 a.m.

on other campuses

Kerry Sivia
Staff Writer

DONATIONS FROM DROPOUTS? PROVIDENCE, Rhode Island—Brown University received a \$100 million donation from one of its dropouts. Sidney Frank, who attended the school for one year, made the donation so Brown can offer scholarships in place of loans for students with the most need. Frank says he was too poor to return to school after being sent to Asia to represent Pratt & Whitney Motor Company during World War II. He said he wants to help students earn degrees. Frank used the money made from his marketing success of Jagermeister Liqueur to fund the donation. He would have graduated with the class of 1942.

THE PLAGIARIZING PROFESSOR? CAMBRIDGE, Mass.—A Harvard Law School professor says he accidentally committed plagiarism. Charles Ogletree has admitted to copying a six-paragraph passage almost word for word from "What Brown v. Board of Education Should Have Said," by Jack Balkin. Balkin is a law professor at Yale. Ogletree says he gave too much responsibility to research assistants for his own book, "All Deliberate Speed: Reflections on the First Half-Century of Brown v. Board of Education." Ogletree said that in a hurry to meet a deadline, one of his research assistants accidentally deleted an end quotation mark and attribution to Balkin. "When I learned of this error I contacted Professor Balkin and apologized for my mistake," Ogletree said. "Professor Balkin was exceedingly gracious in accepting my apologies for this error, and for that I am grateful." Balkin will receive proper credit in future editions of Ogletree's book.

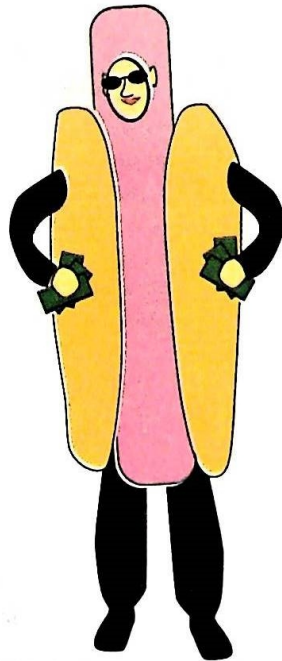


Illustration by Alissa Beck

WOULD YOU LIKE FINANCIAL AID ON THAT? TORONTO, Ontario, Can.—Two competing hot dog vendors at Ryerson University have promised to give a day's earnings to two scholarship funds.

The vendors, who wish to be known only as Ernie and George, have given many students hot dog scholarships in the past and for the last eight years the government of Toronto has increased the aid through a matching program. This year, however, the government has stopped giving those funds, scaring vendors and students alike.

Adam Kahon, vice president in charge of fundraising says Ernie has been setting aside one day's earnings for the scholarship fund since 1982.

According to Kahon, Ernie made his gift an endowment in 1996 when the Ontario government began the matching program. Today, Ernie's endowment is worth \$31,000 in American currency.

George, who set up his sausage stand about six years ago, also has an endowment worth about \$23,000 in the United States.

"The first year George didn't think he had done very much until the students came by and thanked him for making such a difference to them," Kahon said.

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Karandikar said. He denies the presence of any ghost. "Some of the students, especially the psychologically weak ones were just scared," Karandikar said. "Someone must have imagined something and that must have got the rumor started," said Saptarishi Mukherjee, one of the few students who remained on campus. "Before we knew it, everyone was talking about it."

FORMER STUDENT TAKES LEGAL ACTION IOWA CITY, Iowa—A former University of Iowa (UI) student is suing the school. Lexi Toft, now 21, filed a lawsuit in 6th District court stating that the university failed to protect her by not taking the appropriate measures to prevent Frederick Williams, a former teaching assistant, from sexually assaulting her.

According to a four-page petition, Toft visited Williams' office in December 2002 to discuss her grade. It was during that meeting when Williams, now 29, exposed himself and masturbated in front of Toft. She reported the incident to the UI office of Affirmative Action, sparking an investigation into the encounter.

According to the same petition Toft learned another female student had also been sexually assaulted by Williams earlier in 2002. She also learned the Affirmative Action Office in March 2002 had recommended that the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences fire Williams. Toft says university administrators were aware of past complaints about Williams but failed to take necessary steps to prevent him from repeating the acts in front of others.

Williams was charged with third degree sexual assault in July 2003 in a previous lawsuit. He is currently serving a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison at the Iowa Medical & Classification Center at Oakdale.

September 30 - October 14 Calendar

Thursday Sept 30
12:30 Liturgy

Friday Oct 1
12:20 Liturgy
Homecoming Weekend

Saturday Oct 2
1:30 Book signing
Homecoming Weekend
9 Dance

Sunday Oct -3
11 Liturgy
Homecoming Weekend
Powderpuff Football
Peace and Justice Week
1 Crop Walk

Monday Oct 4
Peace and Justice Week
12 Lunch and Learn
Unfair Labor Practices
12:20 Liturgy

Tuesday Oct 5
12:30 Liturgy
Peace and Justice Week
4:30 Prayer Service for Peace
9 Open Mic Night
Bean Scene

Wednesday Oct 6
12:20 Liturgy
Peace and Justice Week
6:30 School of the Americans
Information Night

Thursday Oct 7
12:30 Liturgy
Peace and Justice Week
8 'The Curse of an Aching Heart'

Friday Oct 8
12:20 Liturgy

Saturday Oct 9
Family/Friends/Alumni
Tennis Doubles Contest

Sunday Oct 10
11 Liturgy

Monday Oct 11
12:20 Liturgy
Columbus Day

Tuesday Oct 12
12:30 Liturgy
5 Yoga Class
9 Open Mic Night

Wednesday Oct 13
12:20 Liturgy
9 Craft Night Bean Scene

Thursday Oct 14
12:30 Liturgy
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